SHERLOCK BONES

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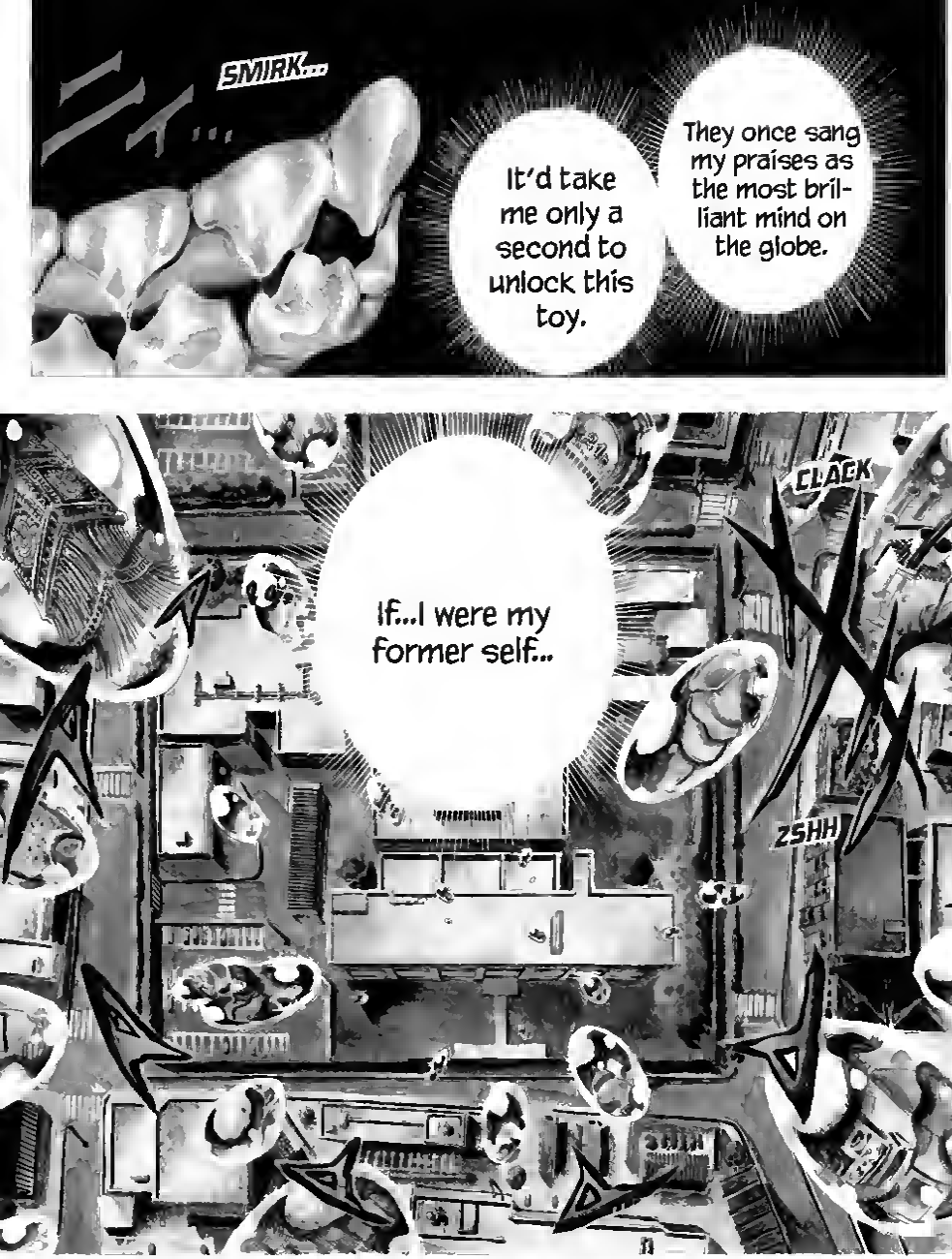
SHERLOCK BONES
FLASH
BOOM
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
MAN... THIS IS NO EASY JOB.
CARING FOR THIS BUNCH
OF HOMELESS RIFFRAFF...
Heh Heh Heh

...ALTHOUGH, ALL I REALLY HAVE TO DO IS TOSS 'EM IN A CAGE.
AND TAKE THE *APPROPRIATE MEASURES* WHEN THE TIME COMES.
CLACK CLACK
JUST DON'T GET ANY IDEAS ABOUT RUNNING AWAY.
Not that you have the brains for that.
...YOU BE A GOOD BOY.
CLACK
Such a cheap excuse for a lock!!
RATTLE
RATTLE
CLACK
...Hum.
CLACK


SMIRK...
It'd take me only a second to unlock this toy.
They once sang my praises as the most brilliant mind on the globe.
If...I were my former self...
CLACK
ZSHH
Or...
...Is this some kind of a plot?

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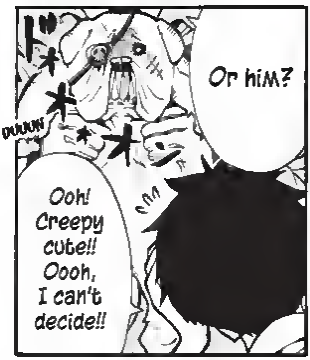
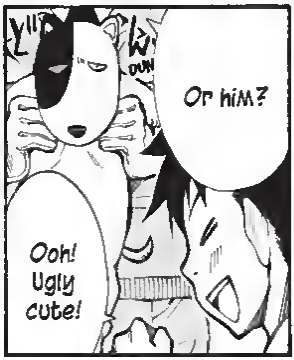
See you later!
Bye!
HUH?
LONDON
Miki, watch out!!
Miki Arisaka (16)
Second Year at London Academy High School
ZOOM
Out of the way!
FLUTTER
Eeeeeek!!
Of course!

I'm on my way to meet the newest member of my family!!
Sorry! Forgive me? Just for today! ♡
Wh-what are you doing?!
Takeru!!
Takeru Wajima (16)
Second Year at London Academy High School

I can't wait!
KACHAK
Go on.
What kind of dogs do you have?
Ha ha ha. Just have a look around. Take your time.
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
KREE
CH
CHOMP
GRRR
Whoa...

ADDD
They've all been abandoned. At least, all the ones brought here have been.
ADDD
They've all been checked out by a vet, so you can take them straight home.
BOW WOW
ARF
I didn't realize the place would be so packed.
ARF
BARK
BARK
WHIMPER
GRRR
RRR


Or him?
Ooh! Creepy cute!! Oooh, I can't decide!!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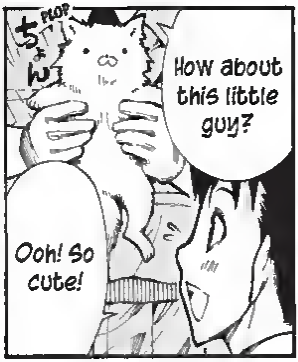
Ooh! Ugly cute!


How about this little guy?
Ooh! So cute!

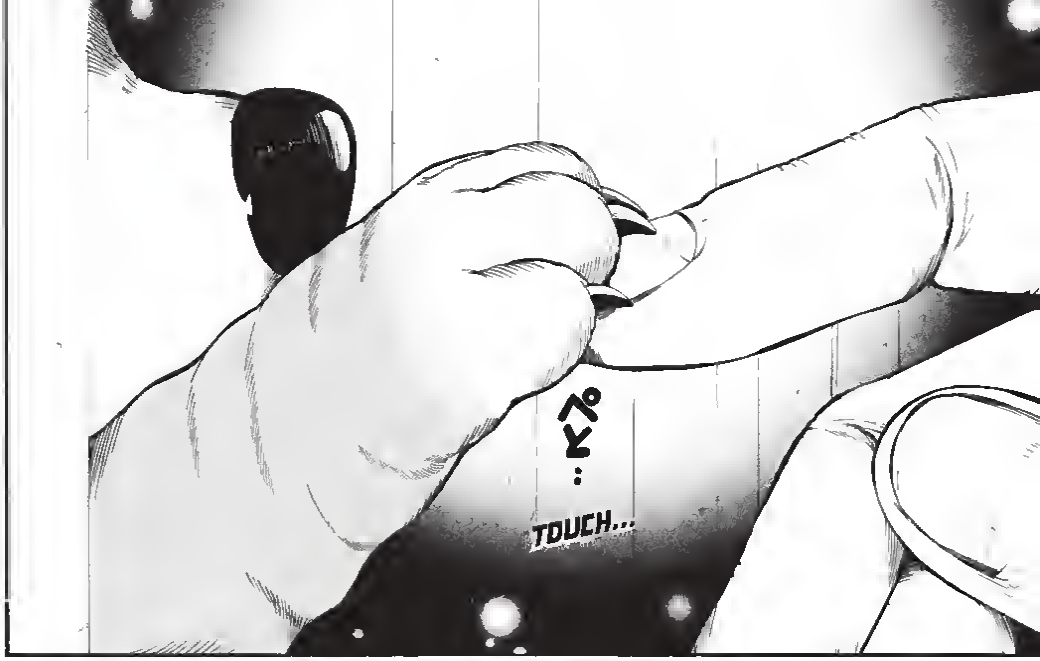
HM?

I'd take them all home with me if I could.
...
Wow... You really love dogs, don't you?
Ha ha...
Yes, sir.

STARE

...

...
You're the dumbest dog I've ever met!!
Yeow!! The little mutt bit me!
He won't eat anything we give him, and he hates people.
Eh?
Uh, I wouldn't recommend that one.
CHOMP
He's one of the stupid ones...
What?!
I'll take him.
Like this isn't the first time we've met.
Well...
But...but why?! You saw what he did to me!
I just have this feeling.
STING
STING
Don't! He... he'll bite you...!
SS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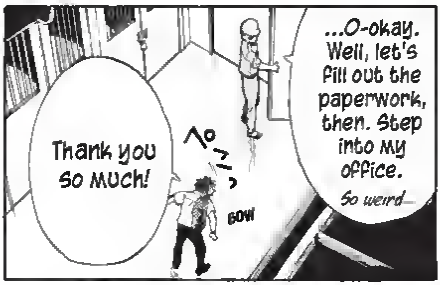
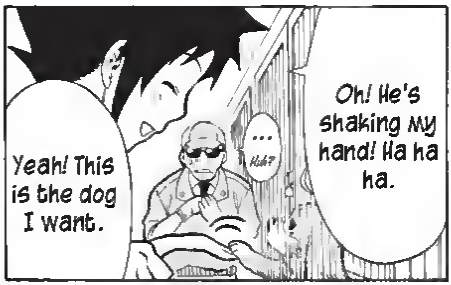

Thank you so much!
BOW
...O-okay. Well, let's fill out the paperwork, then. Step into my office.
So weird...


Yeah! This is the dog I want.
...
Huh?
Oh! He's shaking my hand! Ha ha ha.

...Huh?
Did somebody... say something?

The pleasure is mine!

Arf!!
Heh heh heh... Nice to meet you.

HEE HEE HEE...
ミシミシ...
Did I imagine it...?
I...guess not.
ミシャア
ASH
...
You're freaking me out!
...
STARE...
H...hey. Stop staring at me.
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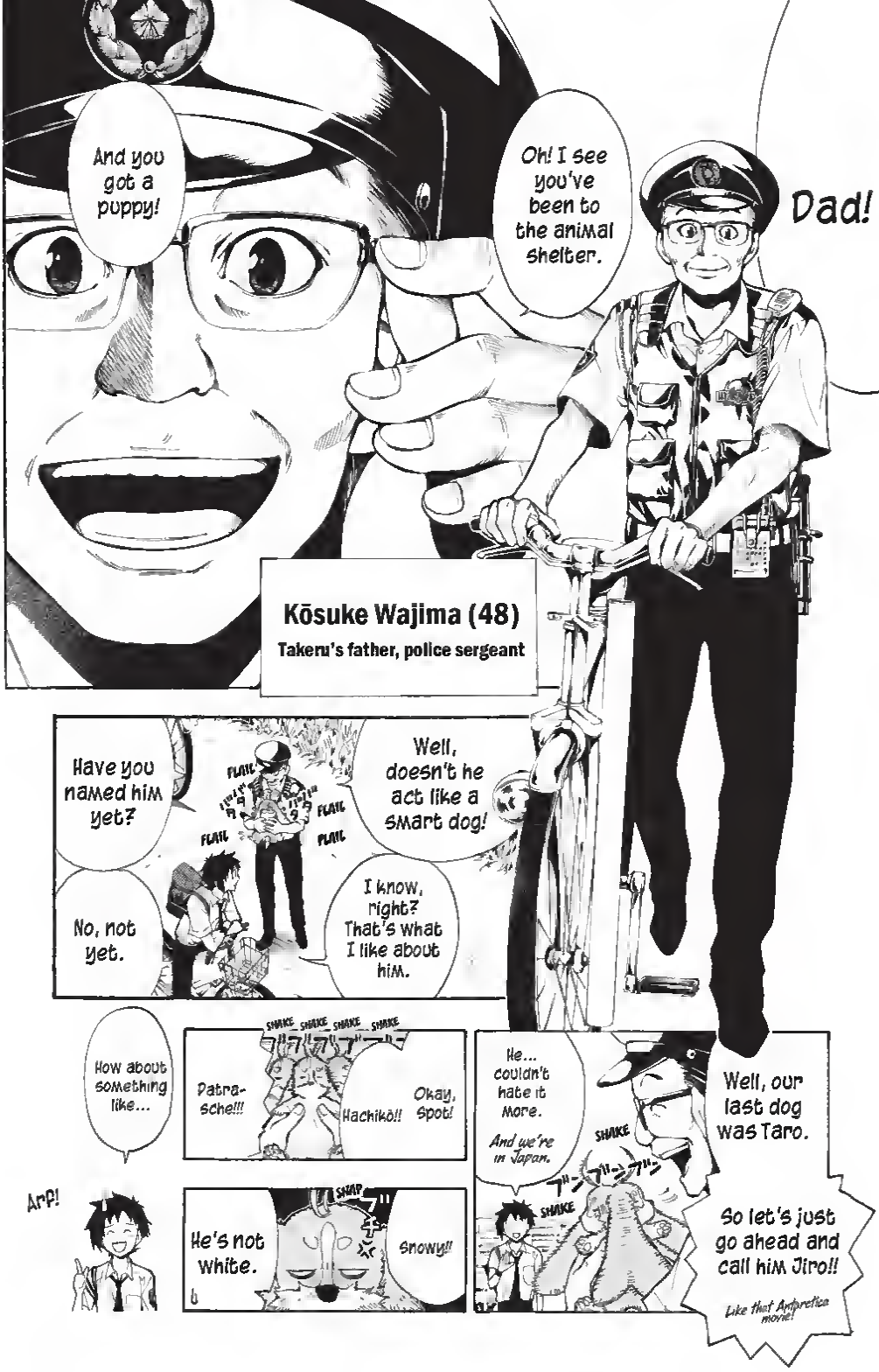
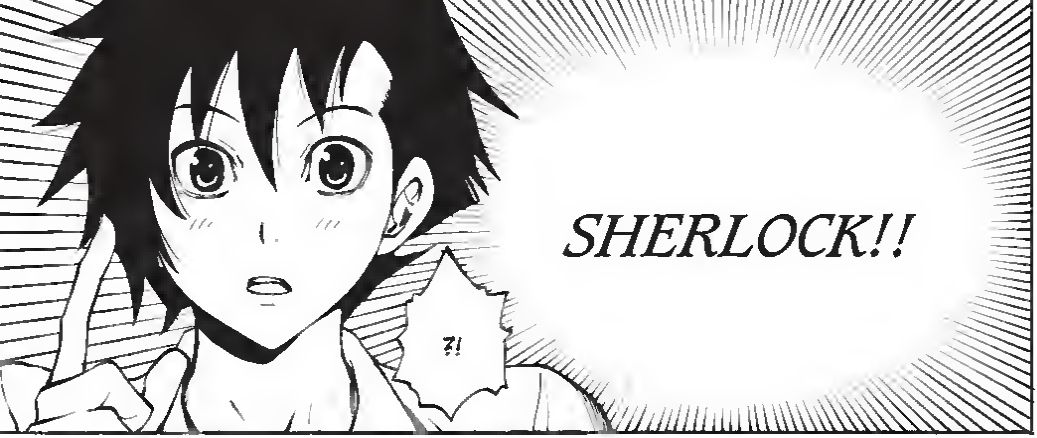
Heeey! Takeru!!
キィ
KREE


And you got a puppy!
Oh! I see you've been to the animal shelter.
Dad!
Kōsuke Wajima (48)
Takeru's father, police sergeant
Have you named him yet?
No, not yet.
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL
Well, doesn't he act like a smart dog!
I know, right? That's what I like about him.
How about something like...
Patra-sche!!!
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
Hachikō!!
Okay, Spot!
Arp!
He's not white.
SNAP
Snowy!!
He... couldn't hate it more.
And we're in Japan.
SHAKE
SHAKE
Well, our last dog was Taro.
So let's just go ahead and call him Jiro!!
Like that Antpretica movie!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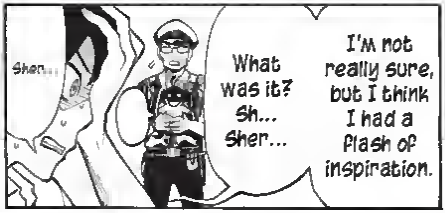
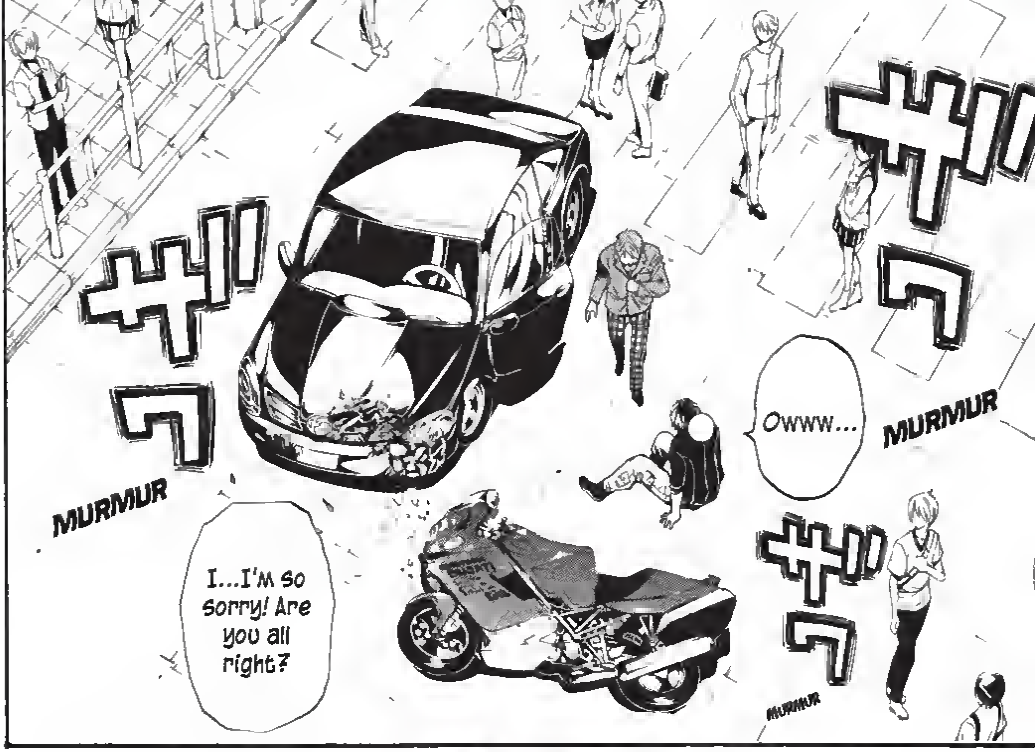

Sher...
What was it? Sh... Sher...
I'm not really sure, but I think I had a flash of inspiration.

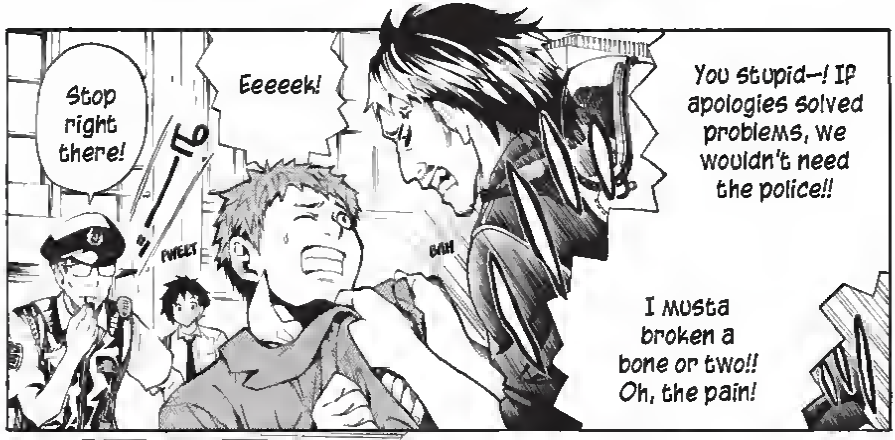
What's wrong, Takeru?!
What was that?
Wh... Wha—?!

WHAM!
SHERDOG.
...Or something.

SCREEEE
And you can thank my flash of inspiration, Sher—
I know, right? All right! From now on, your name is Sherdog!!
HA HA HA HA!
は,は,は,は
A perfect name for a smart dog like him! Good job, Takeru!!
Look! He's trembling with joy!
Oh, I get it! Like the detective Sherlock Holmes, but with dog because he's a dog. Sherdog!

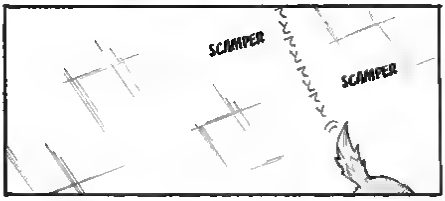
What was that?!
?!
WHAM


MURMUR
I...I'm so sorry! Are you all right?
Owww...
MURMUR
MURMUR


Stop right there!
Eeeeek!
PWEET
BAM
You stupid—! If apologies solved problems, we wouldn't need the police!!
I musta broken a bone or two!! Oh, the pain!

Everything about that guy just screams "bad guy."
This guy just rammed into me! Right?!
N...no, I...
H-hey, come on! I'm the victim here!
You don't look like a man with broken bones...
LEGGO
Erk! It's the police!
COUGH COUGH
REEE

Okay then...
Excuse me!
Did anyone...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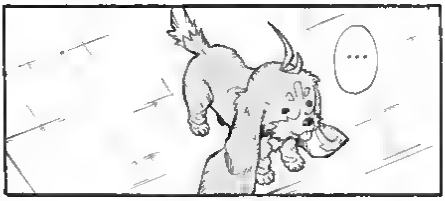
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Is that true, Takeru?!!
...
Yup!
I-I didn't!! He ran the light...

Wait a minute, Dad!
A Million?! Now look here...
Well, I'd be happy to settle this privately.
For about a million yen!*
*A little over $12,000

Erk!
He said the guy on the motorcycle ran a red light!
I knew I'd find a witness, and here he is!

B...but...
!
Well, why don't you tell me all about it in my office
Huh?!
I'm on my way to a very important business meeting.
It's crucial that I make it on time...
...
I don't want to take too much time...
I'd really rather not!
...
This was partly my fault.
SCRITCH
SCRITCH
SCRITCH
I didn't run the light, but it's true I wasn't paying attention to traffic.

...
So I would prefer to settle it right now, privately...
Are...are you sure? You could be completely innocent, you know.
...
PAT
PAT
Oh, come on! If he wants to pay, let him pay!
♪
CLICK
POP
I...I know what you're saying, Officer.
But I don't have a second to spare!

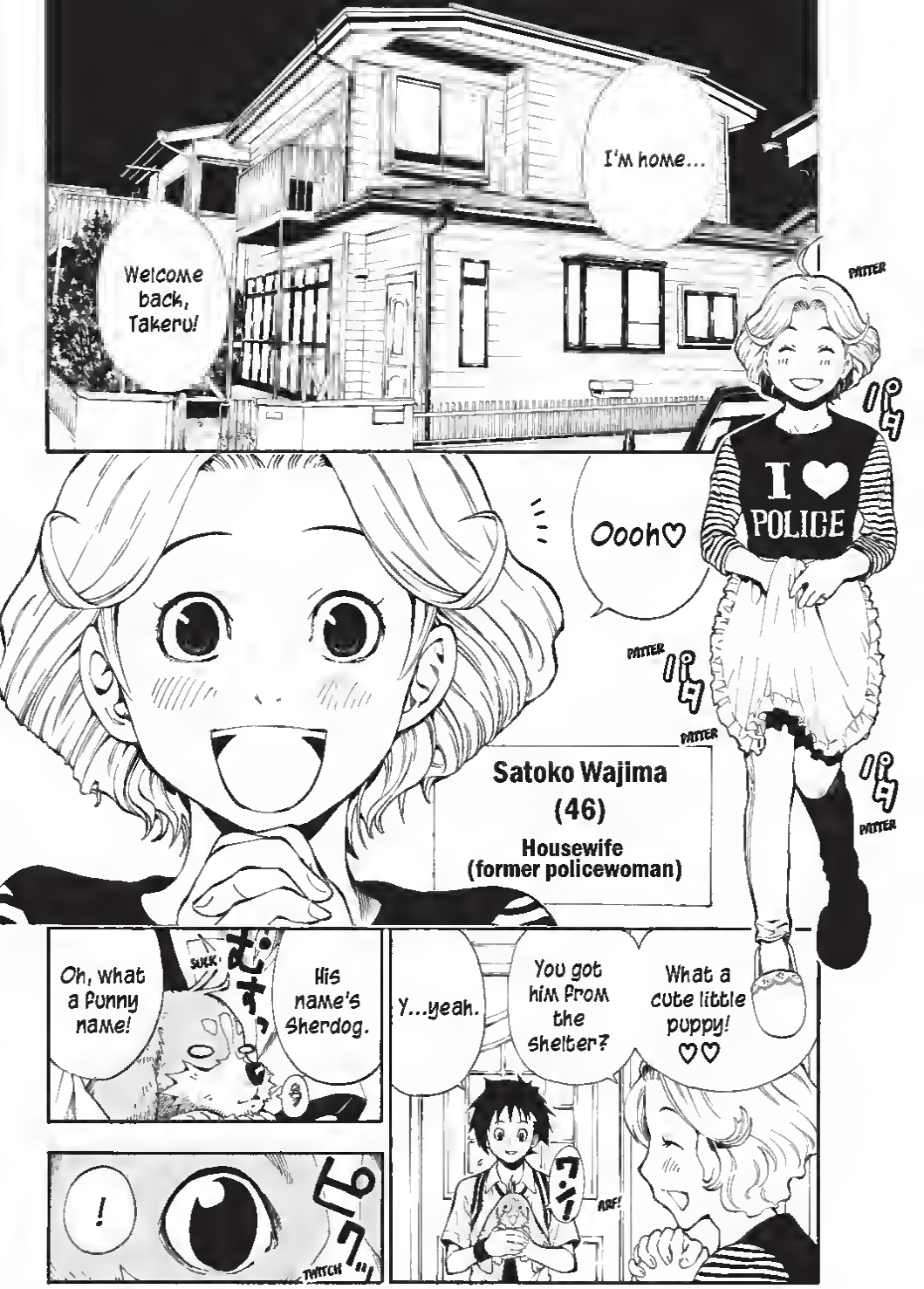
O...okay. If you insist...
...
?!
Please!!
GRAB
DAH
You have no idea how much I'll lose if I'm late to this meeting!
M-man, the poor guy... He's white as a sheet and sweating bullets...
He must be under a lot of pressure...
TUG
TUG
SCRITCH
SCRITCH
TWITCH
...
Sher-dog?
Wh-what's wrong,
TUG
TUG
HM?

Ugh, what is wrong with you, Sherdog?
ARF!
...?
Ah...! Hey!
TMP
Ah! I-I'm sor—
What are you doing?!!
SCAP
POP
Hey!
ZAP!
You can't go around touching other people's cars!
PLOP
—ry...

Uwaaaaa aaaaahh?!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
Uh... Uh...
What?!
There's a boy in the trunk! He's covered in blood!
Dad!!
Ergh...
...

Uwaaaaaaahh!!
I didn't mean to run him over!!
He just jumped out into the street!
SHOOMK
So you were driving away with the body!!
GRAB
Eeek!
I...I'm sorry... ...snipple...
OOZE
...
Arf!
?!
HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE
Eh...?

Ngh...
TWITCH
...
Call an ambulance!!
What?! Really?!
Yeah!
!
Dad! He's still alive!!
...
SCRITCH SCRITCH
WEE OO
WEE OO
WEE OO
WEE OO


I'm home...
Welcome back, Takeru!
PATTER
I ♥ POLICE
Oooh♡
PATTER
PATTER
PATTER
Satoko Wajima
(46)
Housewife
(former policewoman)
Oh, what a funny name!
SUCK
His name's Sherdog.
Y...yeah.
You got him from the shelter?
What a cute little puppy! ♡♡
ARF!
!
TWITCH

SNIFF SNIFF
Where are you going, Sherdog?!
Ah!
TMP
You can't run around like that!
That's the living room! It's full of breakables...
WHIRL
...?!

I KNOW HE WAS NAMED AFTER THAT DETECTIVE, BUT...
IT'S WEIRD, BUT HE LOOKS GOOD WITH THE PIPE.
STREEETCH
B-DMP...
ドクン...
ARF!
What a strange little dog...
Oh, My, is that the pipe your grandfather brought from England?
WHAT IN THE WORLD...?
LIKE A VOICE IN MY HEAD OR SOMETHING. ...A-ANYWAY.
B-DMP...
ドクン...
B-DMP...
ドクン...
...NO, WAIT. COME THINK OF IT, IT WAS REALLY WEIRD THE WAY THAT NAME CAME TO ME.
Make sure to bring the pipe back, Takeru.
You're coming to my room, Sherdog.
STAMP
STAMP
STAMP
だ
だ
だ
CLAMP
...WEIRD ABOUT THIS LITTLE GUY.
THERE'S SOME-THING...
LOOKING BACK...
AND THAT INCIDENT TODAY...

IT WAS ALL HIM!!
DUN
ARF!
HE'S THE ONE
THAT SHOWED ME THE CULPRIT'S TRUNK!
AND THE ONE
WHO LET ME KNOW THE BOY WAS STILL BREATHING!
YOU—
Hey!!
BAM

Hello,
my dear
Watson.

...
...what?

Get a hold of yourself, Watson.
KONK
The... the... the dog...
The–
Is t... talk-ing...
Why, you are, of course.
Who's Watson?!
Stop. Just listen to me.
DRAG
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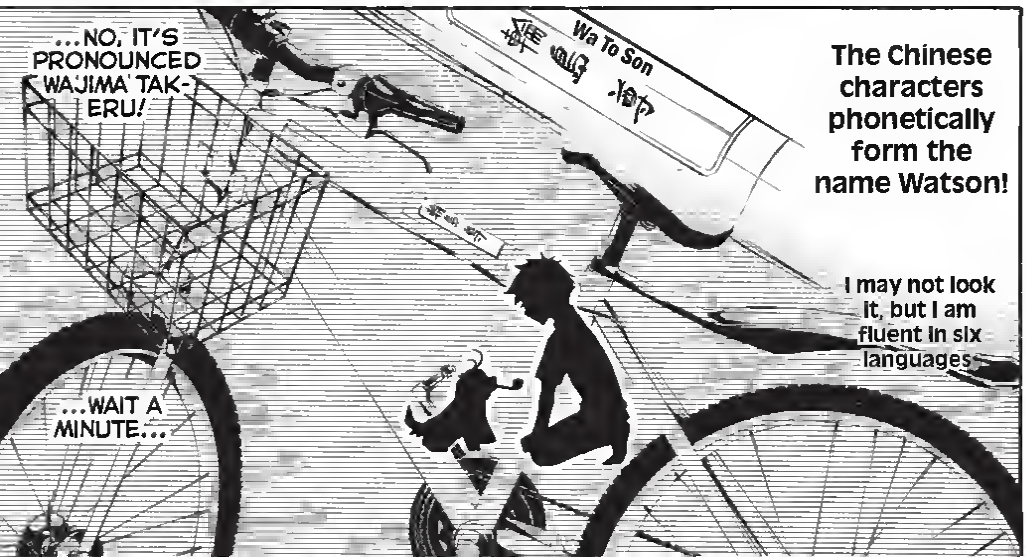
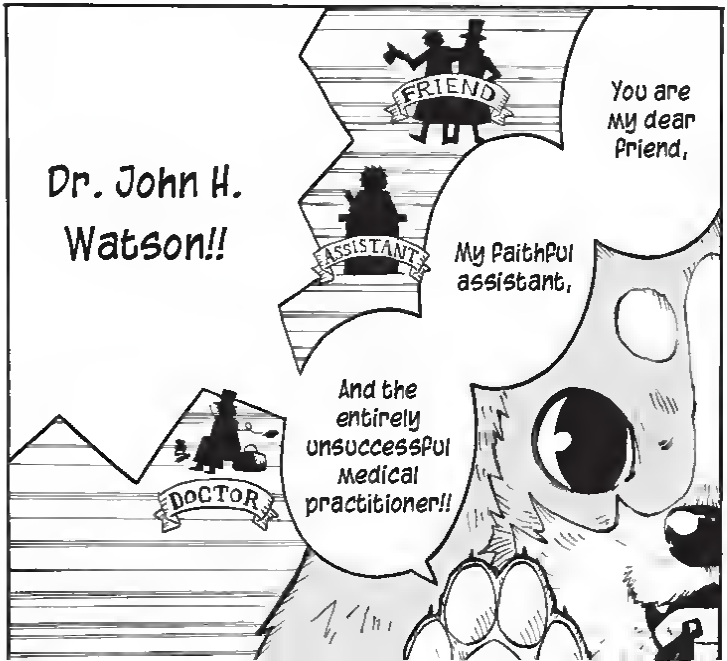
H...help me! I'm losing my mind...!
DRAG
You have not lost your mind, Watson.
Your feet reek, however.
I saw it on your bicycle.


...NO, IT'S PRONOUNCED 'WAJIMA' TAK-ERU!
Wa To Son
The Chinese characters phonetically form the name Watson!
I may not look it, but I am fluent in six languages.
...WAIT A MINUTE...

I'm having a conversation with a dog!
Why do I hear his voice in my head?!
I see. It would appear that the pipe allows me to communicate with you.
This is my favorite pipe from my previous life, after all.

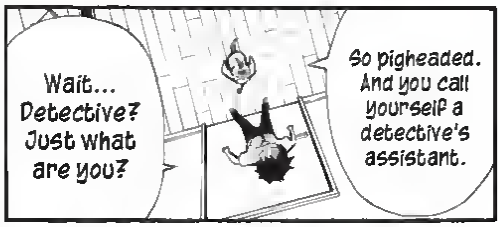
And apparently you are the only one who can hear me.
I attempted to speak to your mother a moment ago, but to no avail.
So you, Watson, must be the reincarnation of Dr. Watson.
How does that make any sense?!


Dr. John H. Watson!!
FRIEND
ASSISTANT
DOCTOR
You are my dear friend,
My faithful assistant,
And the entirely unsuccessful medical practitioner!!

And who's "Dr. Watson," anyway?
SIGH...
As I am trying to explain,

Allow me to prove myself,
By explaining the deduction that led to my solving the events of this afternoon!

I'd better go in for a head examination tomorrow...
...


Wait... Detective? Just what are you?
So pigheaded. And you call yourself a detective's assistant.

SMIRK
Very well.

!
It...it can't be...

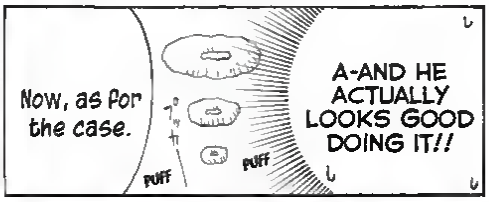
GULP...
ゴク!

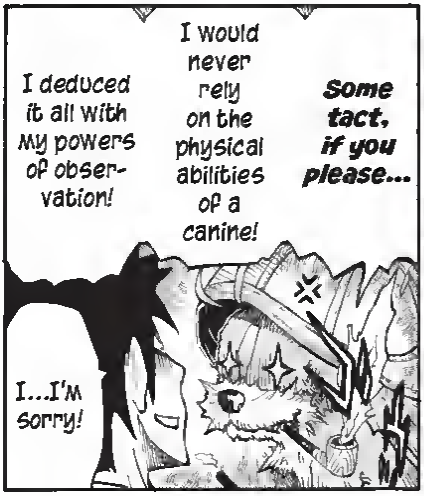
But first, Watson,
I have a favor to ask you...
Wh...what is it?
...

Plum Group #19
Takeru Wajima

How do you suppose
I knew that that Mild-mannered gentleman had committed a hit-and-run?

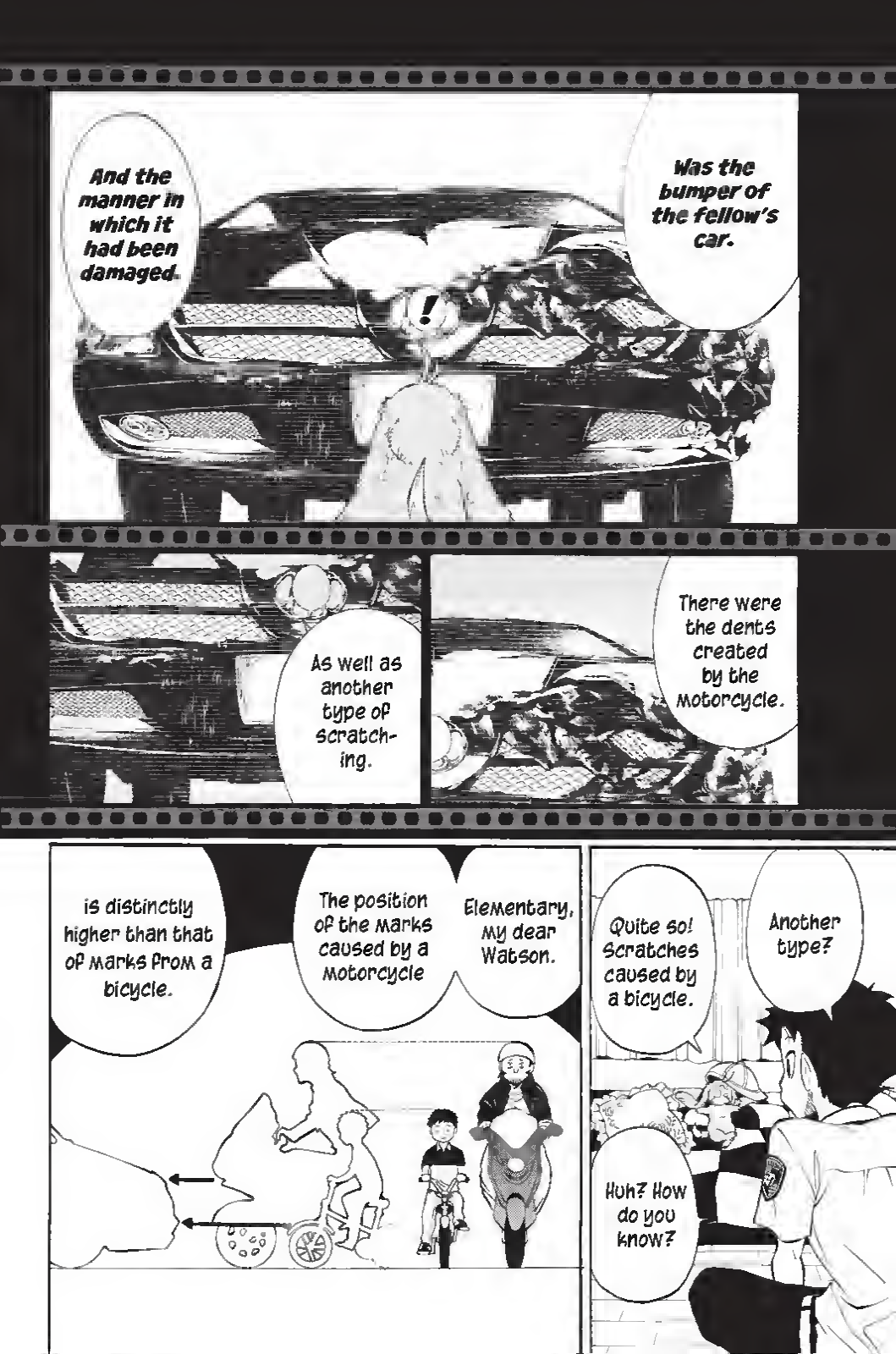
Thank you... Watson.
What a fascinating lighter.
Lighter
Aaahh... I haven't been able to smoke this pipe in 100 years...
HE'S SMOKING A PIPE!!
THE DOG!!


Now, as for the case.
PUFF
PUFF
A-AND HE ACTUALLY LOOKS GOOD DOING IT!!


I deduced it all with my powers of observation!
I would never rely on the physical abilities of a canine!
Some tact, if you please...
I...I'm sorry!

The first thing that aroused my suspicion

CLICK
From being a dog!!
With your great sense of smell!


Was the bumper of the fellow's car.
!
And the manner in which it had been damaged.
There were the dents created by the motorcycle.
As well as another type of scratching.
Another type?
Quite so! Scratches caused by a bicycle.
Huh? How do you know?
Elementary, my dear Watson.
The position of the marks caused by a motorcycle
is distinctly higher than that of marks from a bicycle.

Nice catch, Sherdog!
I bet you have an easy time seeing things low down because of your short legs!!
CLICK
TWITCH
Furthermore, the paint left on the bumper was an entirely different color.
Ah!
That's right! The motorcycle was black...
...but the bicycle was blue!
There is more.
...Is that all? Or is there more?
I'M HIS OWNER! WHY AM I THE ONE BEING LECTURED?
S... sorry.
And my name is Sherlock. Get it right!!
I wonder if your personality was warped in the reincarnation process?
You never used to show such cheek.
GUMI
Yeah...but he said he had an important business meeting...
GRAB
And yet he stubbornly insisted on settling the matter financially.
You found a witness to testify on his behalf.
The fellow's behavior was suspect as well.
Cool

I have rarely seen such casual dress for an important business meeting!!
Then don't you think he would have been wearing a necktie?
NOW THAT HE MENTIONS IT...!!
!!
He was trying to hide it.
His shirt would have been covered in the boy's blood.
Oh yeah! When Dad grabbed his collar...
GRAB
S... sorry!!
WOOM
Do you have any idea why?
And despite the heat of the day, he made no move to remove his jacket.
A cold!!
He had...
CLICK

Pay attention, Watson.
.....?
Uh...so?
He had left a golf bag in the passenger's seat.
In addition!
The gentleman was likely of a very nervous and methodical nature.
The car was polished to a shine.
The seats had pristine white covers on them.
Set his dirty golf bag in the passenger's seat!!
And yet he carelessly

Such behav-ior...
Is clearly unnatural!!
I believe, after he hit the boy,
He put him and his bicycle in the trunk,
Leaving no room for his golf bag.

And I opened the trunk for you to see. ...And there you have it.
Then I brought you around.
SLIP
SCRITCH
So I sneaked past him,
and infiltrated the car by way of the open window.

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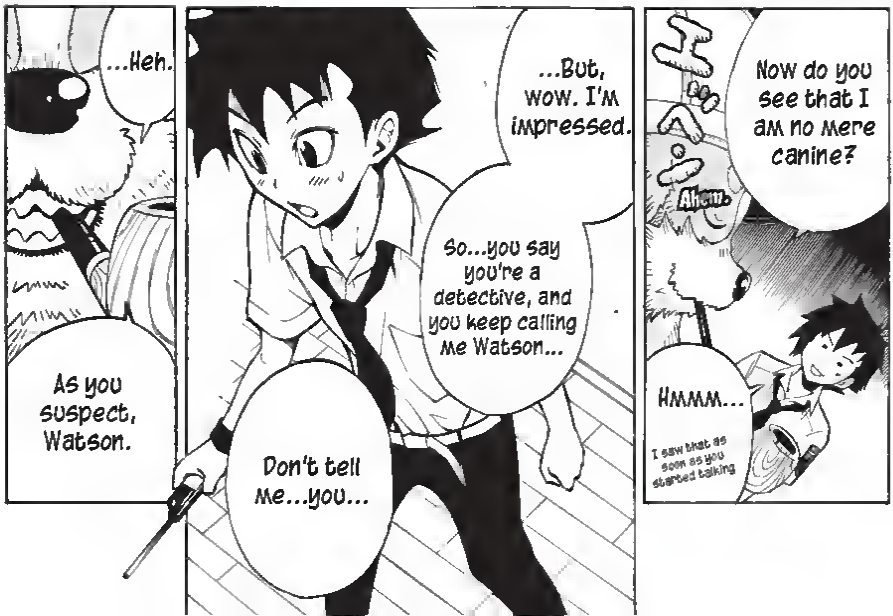
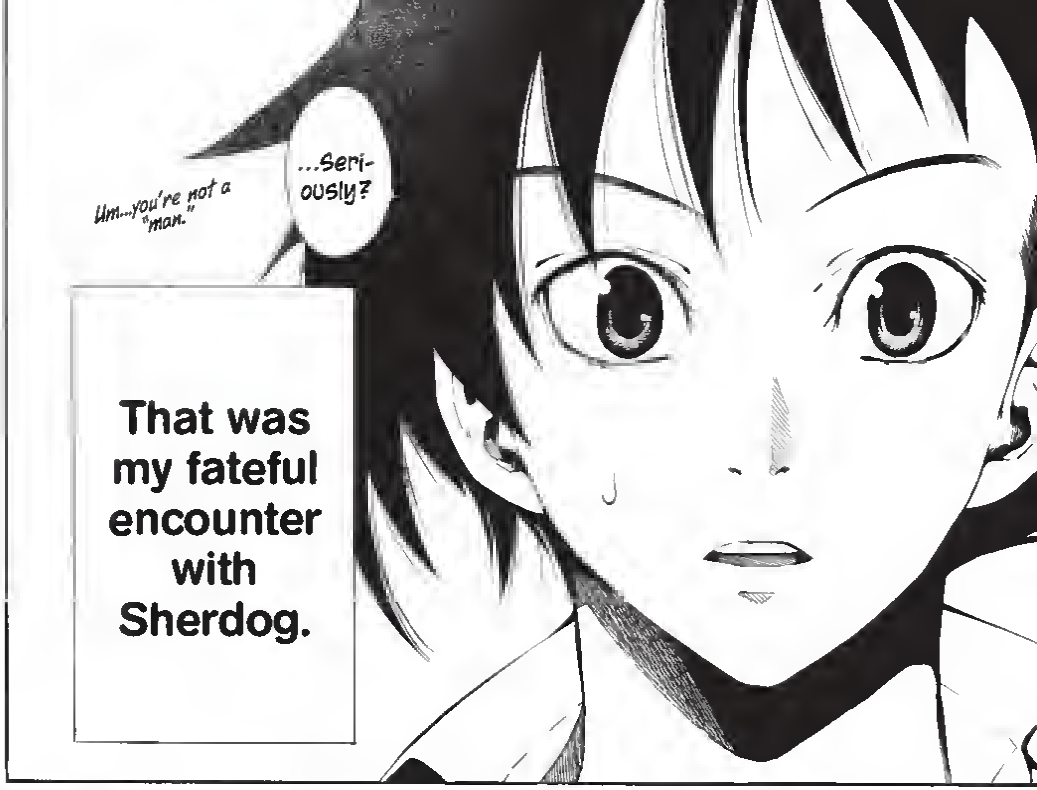

...Heh.
As you suspect, Watson.
Don't tell me...you...
So...you say you're a detective, and you keep calling me Watson...
...But, wow. I'm impressed.
Now do you see that I am no mere canine?
Ahem.
Hmmm...
I saw that as soon as you started talking

Sherlock Holmes.
The very Man!!
I am indeed the legendary detective,
The pride of the British Empire, reborn into this world.


Um...you're not a "man."
...Seriously?
That was my fateful encounter with Sherdog.

Little did I know that this encounter
would lead us into countless mysteries...

It wouldn't be long
before we had our first case...
And...
...And that we would solve them all.
W-wow, Sher-dog...
That's Sherlock!! I see your memory hasn't improved Watson!
What's that?! I am t- no Watson Sherdog!!
My name is not Sherdog!

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